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Date: 29 May 1994 08:46:13 -0700
From: nnntp.crl.com!crl3.crl.com!not-for-mail@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: 2mtr/220 Dual Band HT ?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I am in the market for a 2mtr/220 dual band ht. The only radio's that
I am currently aware of that cover this range are the Standard C228A and
the new Icom IC-V21AT. I would appreciate any comments you might have
regarding these radios.

One of the questions I have about the IC-V21AT is that it seems to be
a member of the IC-W21AT family but in the latest HRO catalog it seems that
each radio in the 21AT family has its own series of battery packs and that
they may not be interchangeable. Is this true ?.

John Potts, kb6wgl

Date: Sun, 29 May 1994 08:29:15 MDT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!psgrain!nntp.cs.ubc.ca!alberta!ve6mgs!
usenet@network.ucsd.edu
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To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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Thank You
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KU8R N8DTN W9JUV KC9RP K9XI KB5KCH KC5UD KC0HF G8AUU WD0AKO DJ0QN
and many others in the United States and around the globe!!!

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Newsline report number 876 for release on Friday May 27 1994 to follow.

The following is a QST

Newsline is in grave financial trouble and the service could disappear at any time. Also, the Roanoke Phantom is sent to prison and an appeal will be filed in the Southern California repeater user banning case. These stories and more on Newsline report number 876 coming your way right now!

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NEWSLINE BROKE

This weeks top story is about Newsline itself. It comes in word from Dr. Norm Chalfin, K6PGX that Newsline is very close to being totally insolvent.

Dr. Chalfin operates the Newsline Support Fund. This is the financial support operation that pays the bills incurred by Newsline in the preparation of these weekly newscasts. According to K6PGX, there have been few contributions this spring and that spells disaster for Newsline:

"Well the situation is this. There has been fewer contributions than we have had in the past. In fact too few so that our telephone bills keep rising. While we are able to pay them at the moment, at any moment there is not enough." Dr. Norm Chalfin, K6PGX.

For those of you not aware, it costs between \$750 to \$1000 a month to pay the telephone, electronic mail, equipment maintenance and other expenses which make these weekly newscasts possible. Also, everyone involved in Newsline is a volunteer. There is no paid staff and when you see a Newsline reporter at a ham convention that person is paying his or her own way. Donations to Newsline pay the bills and nothing else!

Newsline does not receive any support from nor does it solicit any financial backing from any ham radio manufacturer, publisher

or national society. In fact, almost since its inception Newsline has been 100% listener and staff supported. That way, nobody can ever say that a story reported on Newsline as in any way influenced by commercial sponsorship. It means that Newsline can remain 100% objective in its news coverage.

But there is the reality. With no money to operate, Newsline could disappear at any time. We cannot tell you when because we don't know ourselves. Our plan right now is to keep going until the telephone company closes us down. Once that happens, we'll have to tear down the studio do the studio and liquidate the gear to pay off whomever we can. If that happens we won't be back.

Even the revised part 97.113 does not let Newsline or any other organization -- not even your radio club -- from openly soliciting financial support on the air. But the bulletin station putting this newscast out over your repeater or high frequency station is aware of the gravity of the situation and what can be done to save Newsline. Talk to that person off the air.

Alternatively, you can write for information with a self addressed stamped envelope to Dr. Norm Chalfin in care of Newsline at Post Office Box 463, Pasadena, CA 91102.

Also this. Its been twelve years since we were last forced to report the possibility of the demise of Newsline. Alan Kaul, W6RCL wrote the story and reported it. The circumstances were virtually the same. Those listening back then heard and understood Alan's message. Because of that, you are hearing us this week. We hope Newsline will be here next week, but as of right now, we can't promise anything.

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BOCOCK SENTENCED

In other news, word that the Roanoke Phantom is in jail. Rodney E. Bocock of Roanoke, West Virginia has been sentenced to 10 months in prison and three years of supervised probation following his release from jail. He must also pay a \$2000 fine. This after being convicted of being the self professed Roanoke Phantom who transmitted false air traffic control instructions.

Bocock who is not a radio amateur was nailed last summer after a joint investigation that involved the FCC, the FAA, the FBI and the Allegheny County Sheriffs Department. In fact, FCC investigators from across the country were called in to assist in the investigation which is said to have involved more resources than any other in the agency's history.

He was eventually convicted in federal court of endangering the safety of an aircraft in flight, issuing mis-information to pilots, sending out false distress calls and using indecent and profane language on the aviation frequencies.

According to Richard M. Smith who heads up the FCC's Field

Operations Bureau, the conviction and sentencing of Bocock should send a strong message to anyone else even thinking of committing such a crime. Don't do it says Smith unless you are ready to accept the punishment that comes with it.

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NEW JERSEY FINE

A New Jersey ham has paid a fine for interfering with a New York City repeater. John Lickun, N2MVZ, of Little Falls admitted that he was the source of interference to the W2SNM repeater located in mid-town Manhattan after being located by the New York City FCC Office last July. Lickun was originally issued a Notice of Apparent Liability to Monetary Forfeiture in the amount of \$1000 but that was lowered to \$250 after he apologized for his jamming of the system.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA APPEAL

An appeal by Anthony Cardenas, WA6IGJ and Drew Feldman, N3KSO of a restraining order issued against them at the request of the Claremont Amateur Radio Club will proceed. This is the word passed to Newsline by a friend of the two Southern California hams who says that the appeal will be based on the ground that no civil court has any jurisdiction over matters of federally licensed communications.

As previously reported, Cardenas and Feldman were told by an Orange County Superior court to not operate on the frequencies used by the Claremont repeaters and to stay away from all club members. The two were also ordered to pay both court costs and attorney fees as well.

But Cardenas has been heard on the air talking about a similar case. He and the Westlink Report newsletter say a ham named Richard Boston, call sign K6AU, was litigated back in the early 1970's by a group known as the Westcars Net. Either by cross complaint or his own litigation Boston eventually prevailed in court. Many hams with knowledge of legal precedents coming out of California believe that the Boston versus Westcars decision may be the precedent that overturns the finding in the matter of Clara versus Cardenas and Feldman.

Newsline has attempted to contact K6AU but so far he has been unavailable for comment.

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ILLINOIS BILL SUPPORTS PRB-1

House Bill 3730 has recently been introduced into the Illinois

state legislature. If enacted, it would prohibit cities from enacting laws failing to conform to PRB-1. All radio amateurs in Illinois are encouraged to contact their state representatives, including Speaker of the House Michael J. Madigan. Ask them to vote yes on Illinois House Bill 3730.

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AMSAT-UNITED KINGDOM COLLOQUIUM

From overseas comes word that the ninth AMSAT-UK Colloquium will be held July 28th to the 31st at the University of Surrey in Guildford, in Surrey, England. This year's meeting will be divided into four primary topic areas. These are Spacecraft Engineering, Future Space Missions, Groundstation and Spacecraft Operations and Associated Amateur Space Activities.

The Colloquium is the largest international gathering of amateur satellite enthusiasts and experts in the world. It has established a high standard of quality presentations on topics relevant to the amateur satellite community. Organizers of this year's event would welcome all contributions of program material covering the vast scope of the amateur satellite program as it exists in 1994.

Presentation abstracts should be sent to: Doug Loughmiller, G0SYX, AMSAT-UK Colloquium Programme Chairman, University of Surrey, Centre for Satellite Engineering Research, Guildford, Surrey. The postal code is GU2 5XH in England.

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PRATAS ON DXAC AGENDA

The ARRL's DX Advisory Committee has announced that the question of new country status for Pratas Island is back on the DXAC agenda. According to the League, Dr. Bolon Lin, BV5AF, of the Chinese Taipei Amateur Radio League is now in contact with the DXAC. Dr. Lin is providing answers to committee questions. A vote on the question of DXCC is expected as soon as the committee investigation is complete.

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ARANT 6 METERS

And still with DX, if you were not among the tens of thousands who spent a rain soaked weekend at the 1994 Dayton Hamvention, you may have been very lucky to have been at your radio for a very special treat. This is, if you own a 6 meter radio like Ron Arant N4PHP.

"I wasn't able to go, but I got in on a 6 meter band opening

that you wouldn't believe. This is one of the best openings I have ever worked." Ron Arant, N4PHP.

N4PHP says that he enjoys working 6 meters. He lives in Alabaster, Alabama not far from Birmingham. Ron did not make it to the Dayton Hamvention this year but he says that Hamvention weekend was a 6 meter bonanza for those who love the band:

"All totaled, that week I made 45 contacts, 10 of which were from my car on FM simplex. I worked stations up into Canada." Ron Arant, N4PHP.

Most of Ron's contacts were with stations well over a thousand miles away. He says that the Canadian repeater maintained a 40 over s-9 reading for well over 4 hours.

"I had a great time. Once, this lasted Sunday night, I didn't go to bed like 1:00 AM. Working all these stations." Ron Arant, N4PHP.

Ron Arant's advice to his fellow 6 meter DXers? If you can't make it to Dayton '95, turn on your 6 meter rig.

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BBC RADIO 4 available in N.America

For you satellite buffs, KB2EQQ reports via packet that the United Kingdom's domestic radio station BBC RADIO FOUR can now be heard on TVRO and cable via the World Radio Network. WRN is heard 24 hours per day on ASC 1, Transponder 23 at 6.20 MHz. WRN carries numerous programmes from a variety of international broadcasters including the BBC Radio Four.

Also, the Canadian rock video station Much Music is now back on C-Band. Much Music got lost when one of the Canadian Anik satellites got zapped by a solar flare. KB2EQQ says that Much Music is now on Spacenet 4, Transponder 20.

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DO NOT MODIFY

Finally this word of warning to those of you who are listening to us on a Radio Shack HTX 202 model hand held or who owns one. Please, no matter what any other ham might tell you. No matter what you read on packet radio. No matter what might be published in a radio club or other newsletter. Please -- please do not try and perform any sort of extended frequency coverage modification to that radio. If you do, the only thing you will wind up with is a worthless piece of garbage that is totally beyond any economical


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Date: Sun, 29 May 1994 18:44:12 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!wupost!csus.edu!news.ucdavis.edu!  
modem110.ucdavis.edu!ddtodd@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Ham Radio few problem  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <1994May28.151635.9606@cs.brown.edu> root@pstc3.pstc.brown.edu (System Operator) writes:

>From: root@pstc3.pstc.brown.edu (System Operator)  
>Subject: Re: Ham Radio few problem  
>Date: Sat, 28 May 1994 15:16:35 GMT

>roger@btree.brooktree.com (Roger Bly) writes:

>> Good! Several of us in San Diego are also writing letters, petitioning,  
>> jamming, etc. to shut down closed repeaters in the amateur service.  
>> probably get more organized.

>Yup folks, another fine example of how to "quantity before quality"  
>attitude in Ham Radio is swelling our ranks with "fine" operators who  
>think that jamming is perfectly acceptable.

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Date: Sun, 29 May 1994 18:39:21 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!sgiblab!brunix!pstc3.pstc.brown.edu!  
md@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Ham Radio few problem  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

ddtodd@ucdavis.edu (Daniel D. Todd) writes:

> But most people want strict code requirements, which didn't work to filter  
> this lid out.. It is not a matter of making sure someone can copy @ <put  
> favorite number here>WPM the problem is that we have people who are willing  
> to use illegal activity to affect their desired ends.

Most of the Truly Enlightened[tm] realize that the code test by itself is not an adequate lid filter, but instead its the constant lowering of requirements in general that, in an attempt to make the hobby "less exclusionary" or the "first step in a life-long learning process", simply lets the "Barbarians at the Gate" ruin an otherwise enjoyable hobby for everyone.

> This is not some form of  
> 'civil disobedience' afterall he is certainly not using these repeaters  
> without permission, he is simply making it impossible to use them at all.  
> Perhaps if the rules were set to insure that everyone understood the reasons  
> we have amateur radio and the way it is supposed to be a service the community  
> we have fewer closed repeaters and fewer jammers.

Perhaps if we had an enforcement agency which actually did something  
instead of letting the amateur bands constantly slip closer and closer to  
their 27mhz counterparts.....

> perhaps the examination  
> process should stress these aspects more than code speed or RF theory. It  
> would also be nice if the FCC would take some action against an intentional  
> jammer, especially when he repeatedly boasts about it in a public forum.

Since most jammers I have encountered have other psychological problems,  
I doubt that even insuring that they understand what amateur radio is  
"all about" will make much difference. People like this aren't  
interested in amateur radio, they're interested in other things like  
self-worth augmentation though "recognition" by disrupting other  
people's enjoyment, no doubt subliminally thinking that since their life  
is miserable, they might as well share the wealth.

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-- Michael P. Deignan  
-- Amalgamated Baby Seal Poachers Union, Local 101  
-- "Get 'The Club'... Endorsed by Baby Seal poachers everywhere..."

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Date: Sun, 29 May 1994 09:38:57 GMT  
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howland.reston.ans.net!wupost!waikato!comp.vuw.ac.nz!welcom!  
jonathan.swan@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: HAM TRANSCEIVER TS-50S  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

We're on target to upgrade our Polytech. Radio Club's ancient FT-101  
with something recent ! The Kenwood TS-50S has rather caught our eye &  
budget, but we've not been able to get "hands on" one yet. ( The main  
N.Z. dealer reports the set very cramped & fiddly however).  
Question .... has anyone any experience with this ( or similar) rig, &  
if so what are your opinions please !! 73 de ZL2AJZ in New Zealand

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Date: 29 May 94 13:24:41 EST  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!gatech!newsxfer.itd.umich.edu!caen!malgudi.oar.net!  
mercury.wright.edu!desire.wright.edu!nyoung@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Outward bound DX QSL mailers?  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Many thousand years ago when I was seriously active on HF, there were always a couple people who ran outward going DX QSL services. I'd send 'em a check for a couple bucks and a package of QSLs for the DX stations I'd worked and this person would forward batches to all the DX QSL bureaus (and sometimes managers). It was cheap, quick and easy.

Do any of these poor, deluded and suffering souls still exist. I am about ready to put the HF station back together and plan on waiting out the lousy condx and working an occasional DX. I QSL those guys 100%. Hints, help (and flames, as I expect 'em) all welcome.

Nils  
WB8IJN

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Date: Sun, 29 May 1994 02:18:48 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!caen!malgudi.oar.net!witch!doghouse!  
jsalemi@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: PRB-1 access and approaching city hall  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <2s5694\$atk@delphinium.cig.mot.com>, Patrick J. Rundall (rundall@rtsg.mot.com) writes:  
>How does PRB-1 help those that moved into one of these communities  
>(this one was by Cambridge Homes - one of the largest builders in  
>Chicago-land) and later decide that they'd like to become hams?  
>I guess future hams are doomed to attic, tree, flagpole and rubber-  
>duck antennae.  
>

Unfortunately, PRB-1 specifically exempts developments that prevent antennas via covenants. The FCC's opinion is that such a covenant is a private contract between the homeowner and the community, and as such is outside the scope of their authority.

However, there's a move afoot to get the FCC to strengthen PRB-1, especially after some court cases that have made it almost moot. See the article in the latest CQ magazine for more info.

73...joe

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Joe Salemi, KR4CZ                      Internet: jsalemi@doghouse.win.net  
Compuserve: 72631,23    FidoNet: 1:109/136    MCI Mail: 433-3961  
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Date: 29 May 1994 02:04:40 -0500  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!sdd.hp.com!nigel.msen.com!caen!malgudi.oar.net!news.ans.net!  
paperboy.amoco.com!apctrc!msc.edu!mr.net!tccn.com!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <gregg.300.2DE0A935@plains.nodak.edu>, <2s34aq\$3e7@nyx10.cs.du.edu>,  
<rohvm1.mah48d-270594130055@136.141.220.39>-for-  
Subject : Re: "for ID"

In article <rohvm1.mah48d-270594130055@136.141.220.39>,  
John E. Taylor III <rohvm1.mah48d@rohmmaas.com> wrote:

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>Maybe those who append "mobile" to their calls are old guys who picked up  
>the habit when it was a \_requirement\_.

I tend to do so as well - only been licensed since March of '92. I picked it  
up from an old-timer here who got me interested in the hobby in the first  
place, and never quite lost it.

Jim

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Jim Henderson - W0/KD4LDO  
Internet: jimh@kd4ldo.ampr.org \*or\* 52@suzie.tccn.com

"OK, so the guy is cool, but...I mean own up, this is barking time, this is  
major lunch, this is stool approaching critical mass, this is...this is...  
total vocabulary failure!" - Zaphod Beeblebrox's Left Head

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Date: (null)

From: (null)

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cheers,  
Dan

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Dan Todd          ddtodd@ucdavis.edu          kc6uud@ke6lw.#nocal.ca.us.na
Charter Member: Dummies for UNIX
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When radios are outlawed, only outlaws will have radios
- David R. Tucker on rec.radio.amateur.policy
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